

# WILMSLOW WELLS FOR AFRICA



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*“Surely everyone in this day and age should have clean water!” ... a recent donor.*

### Leaving no one behind

25,000 people in southern Malawi have had either clean water restored to them or clean water for the first time. (**projects 270, 271** see 2019 autumn newsletter £5560)



Improving water supply is a constant battle and this major programme involved hundreds of local people contributing to their villagers' welfare by digging trenches, supplying and transporting river sand and stones, carrying materials to remote construction areas, providing security. Working alongside were labourers and technicians. In total, 12 villages have benefitted plus a health centre and a trading centre. Borehole repairs, piped water and water storage were different parts of these intensive projects.



The Health Centre is always overwhelmed with families needing their services. Now they have their own reliable source of water for health and hygiene. Being close to the Mozambique border, patients also come across to access health care.



For Thom village, with no other close water source, they have piped water now. Understandably they are delighted.

Jenny Gibbs

## THANK YOU:

Thank you to everyone who has supported our events; given occasional or regular gifts of money and told your friends about us, so helping to make all this possible

- Rosemary Stubbs for her attractive Christmas card design. Their sale raised £739.50. And to Pam and Jim Townsley who organise the packing of the cards.
- James Townsley for his unfailing support in printing so many items at no cost - so **over 99%** of the funds raised are spent directly on projects.
- Family and friends of Monica Raffles and Mary Lewis, for gifts in their memory.
- Alderley and Bollin Valley Inner Wheel held two lunches, one with wine tasting, raising £700.



- Gifts from special birthdays; an accessory exchange
- Highway One Trust and Michael Armstrong, one of their trustees
- Mike Fairhurst for a very enjoyable and varied Folk Night—raising £268.

**AND THANKS TO WWfA:** From the Andrew Jowett, CEO of Build it International, on receiving an OBE, in recognition of services to education in Zambia. *“We are delighted to continue working with WWfA. Your generous support for this year’s project at Light of Hope is our seventh year of partnership totalling just over £26,000! Together we are making a big difference in many villages in Zambia. So please feel as proud as we do that our work has been recognised.”*

## INCOME FROM EVENTS

October Bridge Drive £1000

October Souperday £1,566

February Barnby Singing Day £150

March Souperday £1,280

## TWELVE PROJECTS COMPLETED including:



### Project 253 Uganda, rehabilitation of 2 boreholes with hygiene

A household installing a hand washing facility next to a latrine. Alongside education in hygiene and sanitation, communities are trained and provided with the materials to construct tippy-taps.

## NEW PROJECTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

**272 Uganda, Te-Olam village in Gulu district**, northern Uganda - 90% are children, women, elderly and disabled - a 90m well and good hygiene practice, with Amigos £4,500

**273 Uganda, Paya, eastern Uganda** – 85 adults and 560 children. This is a very poor community – a shallow borehole with Afrinspire £2144

**274 Uganda, near Kamli** - a protected spring with Uganda development Services, £324

**275 Democratic Republic of the Congo, Institut Minembwe-Rununda**– water harvesting and 6 latrines plus **EP Kaloholo Primary School** – 6 latrines. With the grave threat of Ebola, WASH facilities and education are important in preventing its spread, with Build Africa/Street Children £7500

**276 Burkina Faso, 'Beryl's Well', Nabzengem**, a village of 4k people 20km north of Ouagadougou, the capital. In memory of Beryl Jones a longstanding volunteer of WWfA, with Myra's wells £5k.

**277 Kenya, Kwangora Special Boarding Primary School**, 45 pupils with cerebral palsy, drawn from five counties. Disability friendly latrines in the compound, with Alice Gathoni £4146 (part funded by Michael Armstrong)

**278 Zambia, Light of Hope School, in an impoverished farming community near Nyanzabili town**, 855 people, 155 in school. With Build it International, £5k towards the latrines (funded by Highway One)

### Also Completed:



#### **Project 277 Kwangora latrines and previously Project 232 water harvesting**

With everything in place, including the water for the latrines and wash basins, a few of the students could not wait to unveil the plaque. As you can see the joy that was involved in this is beyond words. From Kwangora - *“Thank you so very much for this support. Words cannot express the impact that these toilets will have on the quality of life for these children. Two of our main challenges (water and toilets) have been solved and we can now serve the children better!”*

**UN development goal 6 “Access to water and sanitation for all” by 2030  
No one should be left behind.**

**Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>, GARDENS DAY 10.30-4.30.**

At this time of uncertainty, we hope that you are all dealing with social isolation and other associated issues. As spring is now being heralded in our gardens our thoughts have been on Gardens Day; how the present restrictions will impact us; what alternative arrangements may have to be made. 20 gardens were to have been opened of which 4



are new. **We are making plans and we will keep you informed by email and on our website.** A decision will be made about the end of April.

In February I decided which projects to highlight with photographs, not thinking that they would reflect our present needs and the advice given – not just the clean water but a clinic struggling with huge demands, the washing of hands. As Roger Goddard, our treasurer has said, *“If we think it’s bad here, think how the virus will hit parts of Africa after drought, locusts etc, given the absence so often of quality healthcare and equipment.... They will need even more help.”*

**Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>, Bridge Drive, 1.30-4.30 p.m.**

at Morley Green Club. Full details will be found on our website nearer the time.

**Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup>, Souperday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

at St John’s Church Rooms, SK9 6EL

**Anne Robinson**



We were saddened to hear that Anne died suddenly in January. She had been awarded an MBE some years ago for her services to charity. One of the many charities she loyally supported was Wilmslow Wells and, for decades, her generous and reliable supply of home-made marmalade to sell at our fund-raising events was ever popular. Helen Battilana

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